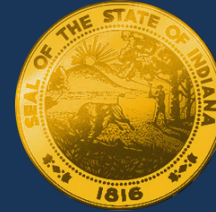




MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



Terry Curry, Prosecutor

October 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Marion County Prosecutor's Office

2014 Community
Justice
Academy



Seek Truth, Do Justice

The Community Justice Academy is designed to engage and educate citizens about crime prevention and the criminal justice system.

All sessions will be held at:

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Indianapolis Public Library
Services Center
2450 N. Meridian St

Oct. 6: Critical Need
for Witness Support in
Prosecution

Presented by:

Prosecutor Terry Curry
Dr. Natalie Kroovand Hipple
Ms. Debra Watson

Oct. 13: Criminals Targeting
the Baby Boomer Generation

Presented by:

Deputy Prosecutor Cindy
Oetjen
APS Administrator Andrea
Qualitza

Oct. 20: Deadly Myths
about Domestic and Dating
Violence

Presented by:

Deputy Prosecutor Kristina
Korobov
Deputy Prosecutor Linda
Major

Oct. 27: Overcoming the
Barriers of Re-Entry

Presented by:

City-County Councilor Vop
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Deputy Prosecutor Andy Fogle

A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

A much needed national conversation about domestic violence has occurred in recent weeks, due in large part to the video of NFL player Ray Rice assaulting his wife Janay.

The sobering reality is there are thousands of women like Janay Rice who are victims of domestic violence in Marion County every year. Perhaps appropriately, the national conversation regarding the Rice matter coincides with October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Last year, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office filed more than 3,800 cases involving domestic violence. Every domestic violence case presents unique challenges – victims who do not believe the system can make them safer, children whose homes have become war zones, and perpetrators who believe they can repeatedly assault their victims without ever being held responsible.

Our office is committed to preventing, prosecuting, and educating the public about domestic violence. Veteran deputy prosecutors are creative and dogged in their pursuit of punishing these perpetrators. Victim advocates help victims get the support they need, as many prepare for the terrifying moment of facing their abuser in court. Our office works collaboratively with IMPD and other law enforcement agencies to track and prosecute some of the most violent offenders among us. We are a part of a community-wide effort to respond to strangulation, one of the most lethal – and undetectable – signs of abuse.

In October, our office will hold our fourth annual Community Justice Academy. We have devoted one session to the deadly myths of domestic and dating violence, and another to the critical need for witness support in prosecution. Participation is free, and you can register through the indy.gov website.

The cycle of domestic violence is frightening, and it is real. I hope you take the opportunity to learn the signs of abuse and the resources available to address it. If you are a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is, there are ways to get help. It does not matter who you are, or who the abuser is, domestic violence of any kind is a crime.

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Fourth Annual Community Justice Academy to start Monday

The fourth annual Community Justice Academy kicks off Monday October 6 with "Critical Need for Witness Support in Prosecution," a presentation by Prosecutor Terry Curry and IU Criminology Assistant Professor Natalie Kroovand Hipple with remarks by Debra Watson, who is the mother of a homicide victim.

The Academy will continue with every Monday night 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All sessions will be held at the Indianapolis Public Library Services Center, 2450 N. Meridian St.

Monday's session will share insights into the importance of witness support in prosecution. It will also address the factors that cause witness support to be low Indianapolis and explore solutions that can increase witness support in the community.

For more information visit: www.indy.gov/mcpo/CJA or contact Annie Kern (317) 327-5325 or at annie.kern@indy.gov.

Man sentenced to 18 years in human trafficking case



In September, Pardip Singh was sentenced to 18 years with 15 years in the Indiana Department of Correction. Singh was found guilty by jury trial of Attempt Promotion of Human Trafficking, Criminal Confinement, Domestic Battery and Battery.

As proven at trial, Singh and the victim were in an arranged marriage which took place in India in 2006. It is alleged Singh became abusive and angry at a perceived lack of financial compensation for the marriage from the victim's family. In 2012,

Singh's father transported the victim from New Jersey to Ohio to meet with Singh, who then confined her in his vehicle for days from Ohio to Indianapolis. While in Indianapolis, Singh attempted to prostitute his wife. Additionally, a domestic incident resulted in his arrest and his wife reporting the alleged crimes to law enforcement authorities. Singh's case is the third Human Trafficking case to be tried in the state of Indiana.

Shayne Thompson sentenced to 110 years

Shayne Thompson was sentenced to 110 years executed in the Indiana Department of Correction. In August, Thompson pleaded Guilty to Murder and Robbery in the September 25, 2013 shooting death of gas station clerk Evalide Ndyiae at the BP/Rickers at 38th St. and High School Rd. Thompson also pleaded guilty to Robbery for a robbery that occurred that same evening at Speedway Gas at 71st St. and Keystone Ave. Additionally, Thompson pleaded guilty to Burglary, Robbery and five count of Criminal Confinement for his role in a home invasion that same month on the east side of Indianapolis.

MCPO files nine new murder cases in month of September

Over the course of September, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office filed nine new murder cases in connection with homicides spanning from April 2013 to September 2014. Eight defendants have been charged for these crimes.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Free crime prevention programs

*Offered by the
Marion County Prosecutor's
Community Prosecution
Division*

Schedule a presentation at:
(317) 327-3522 or
MCPO@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors: Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Project CyberSafe: Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at www.indy.gov/MCPO to use with classes or their family.

Gang education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement:

For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services Hotline: Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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